GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY NUCLEAR TEST
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance was given to residents of Pokharan and its surrounding areas on account of the nuclear test conducted in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a)&(b) Based on the minor damages found in some of the structures in Pokharan and its surrounding areas during the survey conducted by a team of Revenue officials of the Government of Rajasthan after the Pokharan nuclear tests an amount of Rs.3.62 lakhs as estimated by them was offered to the villagers of village Khetolai, towards payment of compensation/relief which was not accepted on the grounds that the relief amount was low. The relief offered was much higher than the relief provided under the norms of the Government for natural calamities.

(c) Does not arise.